

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Office Action of July 13, 2005. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to correct typographical errors therein. Applicants respectfully submit that the Kim reference is not prior art to the present application and, therefore, the pending claims are patentable over Kim for at least this reason.

The Art Rejections

Claims 9-10 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Publication No. 2004/0262661 to Kim *et al.* (hereinafter "Kim"). Claims 11-14 and 18-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Kim in view of the admitted prior art. Applicants respectfully submit that both the 102 and 103 rejections are improper as Kim is not prior art to the present application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over Kim for at least these reasons.

In particular, Kim was filed in the United States Patent Office on March 23, 2004 and published on December 30, 2004. The present application was filed in the United States Patent Office on April 13, 2004 claiming priority from Korean Application No. 2003-27556, filed on April 30, 2003 in the Korean Intellectual Property Office. Since the priority date of the present application, April 30, 2003, predates the 102(e) date of Kim, March 23, 2004, Kim is not prior art to the present application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over Kim for at least these reasons and, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants provided a certified copy of the Korean Application concurrently with the filing of the application. Applicants provide a certified translation of the Korean Application herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested in due course

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Respectfully submitted,

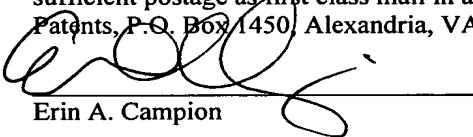


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